

difference. CARA 3.0 renews and strengthens these programs. And given the recent spike in addiction, it provides a boost in funding as well. When added with the existing CARA programs that are authorized through 2023, we would be investing over \$1 billion per year to address this long-standing epidemic, putting us on the path toward a brighter future free from addiction.

The addiction epidemic has proven to be resilient. It is a disease that knows no ZIP Code, and one that is always ready to come roaring back should we not stay vigilant.

Columnist Peggy Noonan was exactly right when she wrote a couple of weeks ago in the Wall Street Journal that:

We have a deep and profound addiction crisis in our country and we've had it so long we forget to see it . . . and nobody's talking about it because nobody has a plan.

She is exactly right. We need a plan right now to tackle this crisis that continues to devastate our country. I have laid out one tonight that can give us some understanding of the magnitude of the problem, the nature of the challenge, but also have the Federal Government take concrete steps to turn the tide once again. Again, we have done it before. Let's do it again.

Washington can and should be a partner to the State and local groups on the ground every day working to combat this crisis. We should be a better partner. We have got to all work together to find constructive solutions to

the addiction epidemic and ensure more Americans don't suffer in silence, that we don't lose more lives to these deadly drugs but instead ensure that more Americans can achieve their God-given potential in life.

I yield back my time.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SMITH). Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:23 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 10 a.m.